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Amendment

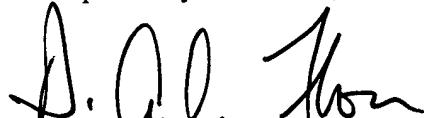
REMARKS

Claims 1-25 are pending in this application. By this Amendment, claims 1 and 12 are amended pursuant to a telephone discussion the undersigned attorney had with the Examiner to overcome the restriction requirement made in the outstanding Office Action.

Submitted herewith is an Information Disclosure Statement together with a Search Report in the counterpart PCT application and non U.S. references cited in the Search Report.

No extension of time or other fees are believed to be due, except as detailed in the attached documents. However, Applicants hereby petition for any extension of time that may be necessary to maintain the pendency of this application. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment of any additional fees required for the above-identified application or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 05-0460.

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